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CONSERVATION OF WILD SPECIES OF FLORA AND FAUNA.

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING DATED DECEMBER 20, 1976,
TO DR. V. V. KRINITSKY, MAIN CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATION,
USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV,
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2. 0205-1102 - DECEMBER 20, 1976

DR. V. V. KRINITSKY
MAIN CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATION
USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
MOSCOW, USSR
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DEAR VASILI VASILIVICH:

IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, IT IS INDICATED
THAT "THE SOVIET SIDE WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE UP TO 10
FEMALE AND ASSOCIATED MALE MUSTELA EVERSMANNI AMERENSIS,

IF IT WILL BE POSSIBLE."

3. IF THE ANIMAL SHOULD PROVE AS RARE AS IT

APPEARS, IT MAY NOT BE ADVISABLE TO REMOVE IT FROM THE WILD. IF A CAPTIVE POPULATION IS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE AT PROFESSOR TERNOVSKY'S FACILITY IN NOVOSIBIRSK OR ELSEWHERE IN THE USSR, IT MAY BE BEST TO BREED THE AMURENSIS THERE AND AT A LATER DATE SEND AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OF THEIR OFFSPRING (F-1 GENERATION) TO PATUXENT WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER, LAUREL, MARYLAND.

4. PATUXENT NEEDS A SUFFICIENTLY LARGE GENE POOL THAT WILL HAVE GREATER PROMISE OF RESULTS. IF THE USSR SIDE PROVIDES THE U.S. WITH F-1 GENERATION AMURENSIS, AT LEAST TWO BLOOD LINES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AMONG THOSE ANIMALS SHIPPED TO PATUXENT.

5. RECOGNIZING THE RARITY OF THIS SUBSPECIES, U.S. SPECIALISTS PREFER TO RELY ON THE JUDGEMENT OF SOVIET EXPERTS TO DETERMINE HOW MANY AMURENSIS WOULD BE SHIPPED TO THE U.S. AND WHETHER THEY WILL COME FROM THE WILD OR FROM DR. TERNOVSKY'S FACILITY IN NOVOSIBIRSK OR ELSEWHERE.

SINCERELY,
EARL B. BAYSINGER
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